enclosed statement [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure 24]

(d) No review of the policy guidelines is contemplated.

Statement

Guidelines for allotment of general Pool accommodation to Political Parties

Guidelines for allotment of general pool accommodation to political parties were reviewed by the Cabinet Committee on Accommodation at its meeting held on 12th September, 1985 and the following proposal have been approved by the committee:-

(i) Only such of the political parties or groups as have been recognised as such by the Speaker need be given accommodation. A list of parties and groups as recognised by the Speaker, may be obtained from the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. Licence fee may be calculated in terms and of F.R. 45-A.

(ii) Allotment may be cancelled in ineligible cases.

(iii) Only 1/3rd of the staff within overall ceiling of six units for party for residential purposes may be allotted.

(iv) As regards accommodation for office residential buildings may be allotted, subject to availability, after screening the space requirements subject to the condition that, licence fee at market rate is charged.

(v) Allotment should be made in the name of political parties and not in the name of any office bearer.

Increase in the wholesale price Index

687. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI JAGESH DESAI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what were the prices of groundnut oil, vanaspati, mustard oil, wheat, rice, pulses, tea, cement as on January 1st, 1990 and 30th June, 1990;

(b) whether it is a fact that the wholesale price index even on 7th July, 1990 has increased as compared to week ended 30th June, 1990; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for increase in prices and what action Government have taken to control rising prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) A statement showing the wholesale prices of Rice, Wheat, Gram (Split), Arhar (Split), Tea (Loose), Cement, Groundnut oil, Mustard Oil and Vanaspati at selected centres as on 30.12.1989 and 29.6.1990 is given attached. (*See* below)

(b) The Wholesale Price Index has increased from 177.5 in the week ending 30.6.1990 to 177.7 in the week ending 7.7.1990 recording a marginal rise of 0.1%.

(c) There are a number of reasons for increase in prices. The main reasons for price rise are sharp increase in money supply during 1989-90 and earlier years, rising consumer demand, and demand and supply gap in case of some essential items like pulses and edible oils. Besides, increase in procurement and minimum support prices of some of the agricultural commodities, rise in transport cost in the wake of hike in administered prices of petrol and diesel, and increase in railway freights have also contributed to inflationary trend and rise in prices.

Government has accorded highest

priority to check the rising trend in prices of essential commodities. Both long-term and short-term measures are being taken for the purpose. The measures taken by the Government broadly include steps to increase the production of essential commodities which are in short supply, effective procurement and buffer stocking operations of foodgrains; strengthening of Public Distribution System mon'toring of prices and availability situation, strict enforcement of the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act and other regulatory measures; and augmenting domestic supplies through imports wherever necessary to check any abnormal rise in prices. Apart from the measures on macro-economic front, specific measures have also been taken by Government in respect of particular essential commodities under pressure such as edible oils, pulses, tea, sugar and cement etc.

Statement

Whole Sale price index of Rice, Wheat, Gram, Arhar, Tea, Cement, Groundnut Oil, Mustard Oil and Vanaspati at Selected Centres

(Rs. per kg.)

Centres	*Rice*		*Centres*	*Wheat*	
	30.12.89	29.6.90		30.12.89	29.6.90
Hyderabad	3.75	3.90	Kurnool	2.50	2.50
Gandhinagar	3.70	4.50	Gandhinagar	3.00	3.70
Hubli	4.50	4.50	Rourkela	3.00	3.00
Bombay	5.00	5.00	Bombay	4.00	4.50
Madras	5.00	4.80	Madras	4.00	4.00
Allahabad	3.80	4.75	Allahabad	2.60	2.50
Delhi	4.00	4.25	Delhi	3.00	2.80
			Lucknow	2.50	2.50
Centres	*30.12.89*	*29.6.90*	*Centres*	*Arhar (Split)*	
				30.12.89	*29.6.90*
Hyderabad	9.00	10.00	Hyderabad	10.00	12.50
Gandhinagar	9.50	10.00	Gandhinagar	10.00	11.50
Hubli	11.00	12.00	Hubli	11.00	12.00
Nagpur	10.00	10.40	Bombay	12.00	13.00
Madras	10.00	10.25	Madras	10.00	12.50
Allahabad	10.00	9.00	Allahabad	11.25	13.00
Delhi (M)	10.00	10.00	Delhi	9.50	11.50
Lucknow	9.00	9.50	Calcutta	12.00	12.50

Centres	*Tea (Loose)*		*Centres*	*Cement (50 kg.)*	
	30.12.89	*29.6.90*		*30.12.89*	*29.6.90*
Hyderabad	48.00	54.00	Hyderabad	61.00	75.00
Gandhinagar	56.00	70.00	Baroda	76.00	88.00
Hubli	60.00	64.00	Hubli	70.00	80.00
Bombay	65.00	70.00	Bombay	90.00	90.00
Lucknow	58.00	60.00	Madurai	80.00	90.00
Allahabad	52.00	58.00	Allahabad	68.00	82.00
Calcutta	55.00	55.00	Calcutta	84.00	90.00
Delhi	56.00	60.00	Delhi	71.00-74.00	81.00

Centres	*Groundnut Oil*		*Centres*	*Vanaspati*	
	30.12.89	*29.6.90*		*30.12.89*	*29.6.90*
Hyderabad	22.00	30.00	Hyderabad	28.00	34.00
Gandhinagar	23.00	31.00	Gandhinagar	26.00	32.00
Hubli	23.00	30.00	Allahabad	29.00	33.00
Bombay	24.00	32.00	Bombay	28.00	35.00
Madras	23.00	31.00	Madras	29.00	34.00
Delhi	30.00	35.00	Delhi	25.00	32.00
			Calcutta	29.07	33.52

Centres	*Mustard Oil*		*Centres*	*Mustard Oil*	
	30.12.89	*29.6.90*		*30.12.89*	*29.6.90*
Hyderabad	26.00	31.00	Madras	26.00	31.00
Gandhinagar	22.00	26.00	Allahabad	21.00	25.00
Hubli	30.00	32.00	Calcutta	22.00	27.50
Bombay	25.00	28.00	Delhi	21.00	26.00